



Officer Donald Healey was born and raised on Newbury Street in Hartford to Dennis and Louise Healey. He attended St. Augustine Elementary School and graduated from Bulkeley High School. After working at a number of jobs which gave him little satisfaction he joined the Hartford Police Department on October 14th, 1957.

The first nine years were spent in the patrol division where officers worked one month on each shift and had their days off rotate through the week. In 1966 he was assigned to the traffic division as a motorcycle officer for 18 years. He was then assigned to cruiser duty in the traffic division where he remains today.

In 1961 he married his high school sweetheart Judith Casey. They have two daughters and son-in-laws, Kelli and her husband Dave of Naples, Florida who gave them three grandchildren, Tyler and the twins Brenna and Kacee and Staci and Tom and their beautiful daughter Haley, of Hoboken, New Jersey.

Throughout his career Officer Healey has seen the very best and the very worst of humanity. In spite of that he has kept a positive attitude and loves his job as much today as he did on October 14 1957. He boasts that his proudest accomplishment is that he has never had to use his firearm in fifty years. For nearly fifteen years Officer Don Healey was the voice behind the traffic reports over most of the local radio stations, broadcasting live from high above the Traveler's Tower. He sees himself as a public servant first and then a law enforcement officer.

Officer Healey has served under 13 police chiefs starting with Chief Godfrey and currently Chief Roberts. He can't recall how many mayors have come and gone during his career but considers two former mayor's Pete and Jim Kinsella among his dearest friends.